

**MAPLE GROVE  
ARBOR COMMITTEE  
REGULAR MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 8, 2016  
MAPLE GROVE GOVERNMENT CENTER  
7:00 PM**

Call to Order                      The regular meeting of the Arbor Committee was called to order by Mary Parenteau at 7:02 p.m.

Members Present                Marilyn Arnlund, Steve Courtney, Julie Gamber, Frank Kampel, Mary Parenteau, Terri Polski, Dan Sanford

Members Absent                Joseph Hogeboom, Rory Howell, Mary Lynn KenKnight, Ed Reichow

Also Present                      Kelly Matzke, Staff Representative

Approval of Agenda and Minutes              Chairperson Parenteau asked if there were any additions or revisions to the agenda. Staff Liaison Matzke proposed adding the following item:

4(G) – Menards Expansion Landscape Plan

Committee Member Arnlund proposed adding the following item:

4(H) – Tree Steward Planting Event

Committee Member Gamber made a motion to approve the agenda with the proposed additions. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kampel and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Chairperson Parenteau asked if there were any additions or revisions to the June 9, 2016 meeting minutes. Hearing none, Committee Member Kampel made a motion to approve the agenda as presented. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Sanford and passed unanimously on a voice vote.

Old Business

MnDOT Partnership Landscape Plan              Staff Liaison Matzke shared that staff recently met with MnDOT officials to discuss landscaping the interchange on Hemlock Lane and Highway 94. Staff Liaison

Matzke shared that this project will be a two year project with tree plantings starting to take place in the northeast corner of the quadrant in early October of 2016. Committee Member Courtney stated that it is nice to see this project moving forward.

#### Landscape Ordinance Discussion

Staff Liaison Matzke shared the Community Development Department is aware of the situation of businesses not being compliant with the landscape ordinance. Chairperson Parenteau asked what the next steps were to make the businesses aware of the situation. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that he would speak with Community Development Director Dick Edwards to discuss the possibility of sending letters to notify the businesses that landscape plans are no longer compliant with the City ordinance.

#### Maplewood Mall: A Case Study in Trees and Stormwater Management

Erin Anderson Wenz from Barr Engineering gave a presentation on the design, storm water treatment performance, current tree health, and general lessons learned on the Maplewood Mall parking lot project. Wenz stated that the Maplewood Mall Project covered a 35 acre parking lot with rain gardens and tree trenches installed throughout. Wenz stated that this was a 6.5 million dollar project that was paid for by the watershed district and storm water grants.

Staff Liaison Matzke asked if other communities around the metro area were doing projects similar to the Maplewood Mall Project. Wenz stated that there are many in the area that are implementing tree trenches and rain gardens to improve storm water management. Chairperson Parenteau thanked Wenz for coming out and presenting the information to the Arbor Committee.

#### Ash Tree Removals

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced this item, and explained that the street department was starting to remove ash trees that were considered to be “poor structured” on Elm Creek Boulevard, Dunkirk Lane, and 73<sup>rd</sup> Avenue near Magda Lane. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that plans were to replace these trees with bare root trees sometime in the fall.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the areas were

going to be replaced with a variety of trees from the gravel bed located at Public Works. Chairperson Parenteau asked if the Street Department considered replacing trees removed with trees that would be similar in size. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that he would check with Joe Bennett and follow up at the meeting next month. Committee Member Kampel stated it would be nice to have trees that will grow similar in size to give that canopy feel when driving down the road. Committee Member Sanford stated that he could not agree more.

#### New Business

##### The Grove Service Station Landscape Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced this item, and explained that The Grove Service Station would be located on the northwest corner of Maple Grove Parkway and Hospital Drive. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that the amount of trees required on the property is 31.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the amount of Skyline Honeylocust trees needs to be reduced in order to be compliant with the landscape ordinance. Committee Member Kampel stated that the maximum amount allowed of one species is six. Committee Member Courtney stated that the other varieties chosen on the property look good.

Staff Liaison Matzke will provide the Committee's comments to Community Development Director Dick Edwards.

##### Parnassus Landscape Review

Staff Liaison Matzke introduced this item, and explained that Parnassus is located on the west side of Zachary Lane north of 95<sup>th</sup> Avenue. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that the amount of trees required on this property is 74.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that the landscape plan calls for 82 trees to be planted. Committee Member Kampel stated that the requirement is 74, therefore, the maximum amount allowed of one species is 15. Committee Member Arnlund suggested that the amount of Greenspire Linden and Northern Acclaim Honey Locust be reduced.

Committee Member Kampel stated that most of the trees being planted are in islands due to limited space on the property, and most trees planted in islands in Maple Grove struggle to survive. Committee Member Polski stated this would be an opportunity to recommend looking into tree trenches and rain gardens similar to the parking lot at Maplewood Mall. Committee Member Gamber stated Parnassus could look into possible grants that are available to pursue a parking lot similar to Maplewood Mall.

Staff Liaison Matzke will provide the Committee's comments to Community Development Director Dick Edwards.

#### Vicksburg Lane Adopt-a-Street

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that it was time to discuss a date and time for the fall adopt-a-street cleanup. The date and time established is Thursday, September 22 at 5:00 pm. Staff Liaison Matzke will send out a reminder prior to the event taking place.

#### Buckthorn Removal Event

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that it was time to plan for the annual buckthorn event. The date and time established is Saturday, November 5 at the Forest Preservation Area located off of Vicksburg Lane. The time will be from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm.

#### Menards Expansion Landscape Plan

Staff Liaison Matzke stated that Menards is proposing an addition to be constructed on the southwest corner of the existing building. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that two landscape plans were submitted to the City.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that minimum tree requirements were not listed on either plan. Committee Member Sanford stated the plan was hard to decipher and confusing because there were two different plans to review. Committee Member Arnlund recommended Menards resubmit a plan that is clear and easier to understand.

Staff Liaison Matzke will provide the Committee's comments to City Planner Peter Vickerman.

Tree Steward Class  
Planting Event

Committee Member Arnlund stated that there is a tree steward class being offered by the University of Minnesota Department of Forest Resources for anyone interested on Tuesday, September 13 at Maple Grove Public Works from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm. Committee Member Arnlund stated that the topics will include tree health, how to properly plant a tree, and how to prune trees.

Committee Member Arnlund stated that there is a tree planting event scheduled for Saturday, September 17 from 9:00 am to 12:00 pm near the Maple Grove library. Committee Member Arnlund stated that volunteers will be planting approximately 30 trees from the gravel bed located at Public Works.

Area Reports

Staff Liaison Matzke shared that there is a lot of development happening throughout Maple Grove. Staff Liaison Matzke explained that the Cambridge Park Development located in the northwest corner of County Road 30 and Lawndale lane is in a T-Zone that is currently in replacement mode. Chairperson Kampel stated that many trees have been removed from this property. Staff Liaison Matzke stated that this development is going to be similar to the Chapel Woods Development located behind the old Target facility, and that the developer has went above and beyond the requirement for replacing trees in a T-Zone.

Adjournment

Committee Member Courtney made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 pm. The motion was seconded by Committee Member Kampel and passed unanimously on voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,  
Kelly E. Matzke, City Staff Liaison  
City of Maple Grove Arbor Committee  
September 15, 2016